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I have the honour to refer to my previous report to the Security Council on developments in Guinea-Bissau and on the activities of the United Nations Peace-building Support Office in Guinea-Bissau (UNOGBIS) (S/1999/1015).

In paragraph 38 of that report, I indicated that the transitional Government of Guinea-Bissau had requested that the mandate of UNOGBIS be extended for one year after its expiry on 31 December 1999. I also stated that I would revert to the Council on that issue after consultations with the new Government that would have emerged from the legislative and presidential elections of 28 November.

As members of the Security Council are aware, the elections in Guinea-Bissau took place as scheduled. Since none of the contending presidential candidates received the required majority of the vote, a second round is expected to be held in the second half of January 2000.

Following further consultations with the transitional Government, I propose that the mandate of UNOGBIS be extended for three months until 31 March 2000. I shall revert once more to the Council following the second round of voting.

I should be grateful if you would bring this to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) Kofi A. ANNAN

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